



**TRAVIS COUNTY DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
IN RESPONSE TO DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER CAUSED BY TROPICAL  
STORM/HURRICANE MARCO AND LAURA, INCLUDING PROVIDING  
TEMPORARY HOUSING SUPPORT FOR EVACUEES**

**Recitals**

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation certifying that Hurricane Marco and then-Tropical Storm Laura pose a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, in Aransas, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kennedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Matagorda, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Willacy counties, and declaring a state of disaster in said counties pursuant to §418.017 of the Texas Government Code, and,

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and President Trump granted Governor Abbott's request for a Federal Emergency Declaration for Public Assistance Category B (Emergency Protective Measures), direct Federal assistance and Hazard Mitigation statewide, and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an amendment to his August 23, 2020 Disaster Proclamation by declaring a state of disaster in an additional thirty-six (36) counties, including Travis County and certified that as the same conditions continue to exist as now-Hurricane Laura continues to approach, and poses a threat of imminent disaster in other counties in Texas, including Travis County, and

WHEREAS, persons from the Texas counties specified by Governor Abbott are expected to experience damage due to flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds of their residences and have an urgent need for temporary shelter due to the disastrous effects of the high winds and surging water causing destruction of property and flooding the coastal regions of Texas, and

WHEREAS, Travis County is expected to experience an influx of persons, pets and livestock evacuating their homes or domiciles due to the disastrous effects of the high winds, surging water causing destruction and flooding in the coastal areas of Texas, and,

WHEREAS, these evacuees require support in the form of basic shelter and living accommodation on a large scale until they are able to return to their homes, and,

WHEREAS, such support is needed to preserve public health and the safety of these evacuees, and,

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential need and the urgency of the need for assistance constitute an imminent threat of expanding the disaster, and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent, and,

WHEREAS, §418 109 and §418 020 of the Government Code authorizes a local government to provide mutual aid assistance in accordance with its policies and procedures and may make arrangements necessary to acquire, prepare, or equip sites for temporary housing, and,

WHEREAS, as set forth in his Disaster Proclamation and amendment and pursuant to Section 418 017 of the Government Code, Governor Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster, and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418 108 authorizes the County Judge of a county to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale, and

WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident, and

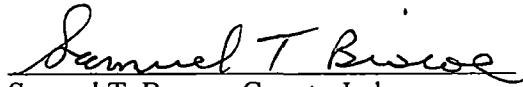
WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the County's response to this situation

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS**

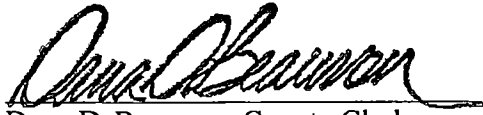
- 1 That a local state of disaster is declared for Travis County pursuant to section 418 108(a) of the Texas Government Code
- 2 Pursuant to §418 108(b) of the Government Code, the state of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas
- 3 Pursuant to section 418 108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk
- 4 Pursuant to §418 018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of disaster activates the County's emergency management plan

- 5 Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the County may take actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the County, including providing disaster relief and supporting those persons impacted by the effects of tropical storm/hurricane Marco and Laura and who are evacuated to Travis County, by offering temporary housing support and other disaster relief as requested or necessary
- 6 This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance

ORDERED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

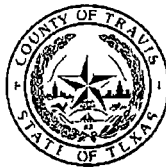
  
Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County

  
Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

Date August 26, 2020

**STAYS IN FILE**



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**Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk  
Travis County, Texas**

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